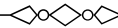


Special Halloween Additions!

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It's that time of year again—Halloween is just over a week away, and given how popular the 'skulls and skeletons' theme has been, we have a special late-October upload of 12 new *spooktacular* items! Some of these tokens and medals are types which we have offered in the past and a few are new to us and seldom encountered; regardless, all are fairly haunting!

What better way to kick off this countdown to All Hollows' Eve than some traditional pumpkin carving? My wife and I always look forward to this, and we each took a 'stab' at our own designs. Since my pumpkin was a bit lopsided, I made my jack-o-lantern wink, while Christina took a more skeletal approach.

What do you think?



In addition to the pumpkin carving, we also wanted to do something a bit unusual. Given that we are in California, we thought that a carved pineapple would set the right tone. Warm temperatures in late October make this tropically inspired decoration all the more appropriate. Piña Boo-lada, anyone?



Onto the upload...one of the most interesting pieces in this group is a rather large plaque (*size reduced in the collage with the other items below*) from Köln and features a skeleton hanging from a Christmas tree and entitled *O Tannenbaum*. A real offbeat piece of medallic art to say the least...



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This would be the perfect addition for any Jack Skellington and *The Nightmare Before Christmas* fans out there...



Another interesting piece in this upload is a perennial favorite, and one which we have had numerous times in the past, the Johann Friedrich Blumenbach doctorate jubilee medal—better known as the ‘three skulls’ medal. This ghoulish piece was issued to commemorate Blumenbach’s 50th anniversary of his doctorate. Since the professor specialized in the study and classification of human skulls from around the world, it makes perfect sense that three would

be variously arranged on the reverse. For the budget minded collector, we have another example with a bit more roughness around the edges—literally and figuratively...



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In addition to the pieces above, we have a small grouping of the ever popular *méreaux* from Liège, a counter from Sweden, a pellofa from Barcelona, a German WWI commemorative medal, and two satirical pieces poking a bit of morbidity at Britain's misfortunes in Egypt and the sinking of the *Lusitania*...



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